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## NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

**IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONGKONG.**  
**IN BANKRUPTCY.**  
No. 21 of 1896.

**IN THE MATTER OF THE SUN LUNG FIRM (信隆), AND CHAN KAM (陳錦), LI YAN (李彦), AND LAM PING (林平), PARTNERS IN THE SAID FIRM, LATELY CARBONING ON BUSINESS AT NO. 28, HOLLYWOOD ROAD, AS CONTRACTORS.**

NOTICE is hereby given that a Receiver Order, dated the 17th day of September, 1896, has been made in respect of the Estate of the said firm and of the several persons named as the partners therein.

And Notice is hereby further given that WEDNESDAY, the 24th day of October, 1896, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon precisely, has been fixed for the First General Meeting of Creditors to be held at the Official Receiver's Office, Queen's Road Central, Victoria, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

No Creditor can vote unless he previously proves his debt.

Forms of Proof and Proxy can be obtained at the Official Receiver's Office during Office hours.

At the First General Meeting the Creditors will be asked to consider whether the Debtors shall be adjudged Bankrupts or whether they, the Creditors, will entertain a proposal for a composition or scheme of arrangement.

**HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.**  
THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Hongkong Jockey Club will be held in the CITY HALL on FRIDAY, 2nd October, proximo, at 5 P.M.

By Order,  
T. P. HUGHES,  
Clerk of the Course.  
Hongkong, 21st September, 1896. [2145]

**UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LIMITED.**  
NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.  
NOTICE is hereby given that the Twenty-third Ordinary Yearly Meeting of the Society will be held at its Head Office, No. 4, The Prince, Hongkong, on Thursday, the 8th October, 1896, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the report of the Directors, together with statements of accounts for the year 1895 and for the half year ending the 30th June, 1896, and for electing directors.

The Treasurer of the Society will be closed from the 24th September to the 8th October, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,  
N. J. EDE,  
Secretary.  
Hongkong, 21st September, 1896. [2146]

**FOR SALE.**  
A FIRST CLASS SAILING BOAT, with Mast and Sails complete. Length 22ft., Breadth 5 ft. 10in., Depth amidships 2ft. 6in.

## NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

**GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.**  
No. 353.

THE following Particulars and Conditions of Sale of CROWN LAND by PUBLIC AUCTION, to be held on the Spot, on MONDAY, the 23rd day of September, 1896, at 3 P.M., are published for general information.

By Command,  
J. H. STEWART-LOCKHART,  
Colonial Secretary's Office,  
Hongkong, 19th September, 1896. [2144]

**PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.**

Lot	Area	Remarks
1	1/2 Acre	Boundary marked by posts.
2	1/2 Acre	Boundary marked by posts.
3	1/2 Acre	Boundary marked by posts.
4	1/2 Acre	Boundary marked by posts.
5	1/2 Acre	Boundary marked by posts.

**FOR SHANGHAI.**  
THE Steamship  
"LOONGMOON"  
Capt. F. W. Schult, will be despatched for the above port TO-DAY, the 21st instant, at 4 P.M., instead of as previously advertised.

For Freight or Passage, apply to  
S. STEWART & CO.,  
Hongkong, 19th September, 1896. [2141]

**CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.**  
FOR SHANGHAI.  
THE Steamship  
"WUHU,"  
Capt. Benson, will be despatched as above TO-MORROW, the 22nd inst.

For Freight or Passage, apply to  
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,  
Agents,  
Hongkong, 21st September, 1896. [2149]

**OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.**  
FOR SHANGHAI VIA AMOY.  
(Taking Cargo and Passengers at through rates for Amoy, Canton, Ningbo, Shanghai, Tientsin, Hankow, and Peking on the Yangtze.)

THE Company's Steamship  
"SARFEDON,"  
Capt. Grier, will be despatched as above TO-MORROW, the 22nd inst.

For Freight, apply to  
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,  
Agents,  
Hongkong, 21st September, 1896. [2150]

**HONGKONG ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY.**  
THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING for the purpose of receiving the Committee's Report and Statement of Account for past year, electing a Committee for the coming year, and for the transaction of General Business, will be held at the CITY HALL TO-MORROW (TUESDAY), 22nd SEPTEMBER, at 5.30 P.M.

By Order of the Board of Directors,  
EDWARD A. RAM,  
Hon. Sec. H.K.C.C.,  
Hongkong, 18th September, 1896. [2143]

**CHINA TRADERS' INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.**  
NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.  
THE THIRTIETH ORDINARY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the HEAD OFFICE, Victoria, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 26th inst. (Chinese calendar, Moon), for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors and Statement of Accounts to 30th April, and of electing Directors.

By Order of the Board of Directors,  
W. H. RAY,  
Secretary.  
Hongkong, 5th September, 1896. [2043]

## INTIMATIONS.

**CUTLER, PALMER & CO.**  
Have been Shippers to China for nearly 75 years. Their Brands are favorably known all over the World.

**AT QUALITY COGNAC.**  
Distilled by 4 Stars on the label. Price \$10.00 per 1 dozen bottles.  
**SUPERIOR OLD COGNAC.**  
Distilled by 3 Stars on the label. Price \$12.00 per 1 dozen bottles.  
**VERY GOOD COGNAC.**  
Distilled by 2 Stars on the label. Price \$14.00 per 1 dozen bottles.

**"PALL MALL" WHISKY.**  
Eleven years old, very fine quality. Each bottle bears an analyst's certificate. The quality is guaranteed. Price \$16.00 per 1 dozen bottles.  
**Well-matured HIGHLAND MALT WHISKY.**  
Blended by CUTLER, PALMER & CO. Moderate in price, excellent in quality. Price \$14.00 per 1 dozen bottles.

**BRODIE & CO'S FINE SCOTCH WHISKY.**  
In Square Bottles. Price \$10.00 per 1 dozen bottles.  
**C. P. & CO'S OWN SPECIAL BLEND SCOTCH WHISKY.**  
In Patent Bottles. Price \$9.00 per 1 dozen bottles.  
**GLENKIFFER BLEND, SCOTCH WHISKY.**  
Moderately priced, good quality. Price \$8.00 per 1 dozen bottles.

Agents—SIEMSEN & Co., Hongkong.

## DAKIN, CRUICKSHANK & CO., LIMITED.

**VICTORIA DISPENSARY.**  
GENUINE FRENCH CLARETS.  
Bottled by ARGENTAUD & Co., Bordeaux.  
PAULIAC MEDOC—A Good Light Tiffin Wine, per dozen bottles \$8.50, per 2 dozen & bottles \$7.50.  
ST. ESTEPHE—A Superior Light Tiffin or Dinner Wine, per dozen bottles \$8.00, per 2 dozen & bottles \$7.00.

**VERY RARE OLD LIQUEUR SCOTCH WHISKY (in Square Bottles).**  
One of the OLDEST and BEST KNOWN WHISKIES in the Colony. \$13.00 per Case.  
**LOCHABER SCOTCH WHISKY.**  
A very fine Blend, Mellow and Mellow. \$9.00 per Case. [1533]

**COTTAM & CO. OUTFITTERS.**  
1886-SEASON-1897, **FELT HATS.** All SHAPES and SIZES.  
Hongkong, 3rd September, 1896. [1668]

**UNITED ASBESTOS ORIENTAL AGENCY (LIMITED).**  
SOLE AGENTS IN HONGKONG, CHINA, JAPAN, AND THE STRAITS SETTLEMENTS, FOR THE  
**UNITED ASBESTOS COMPANY, LD., LONDON.**  
Pioneers of the Asbestos Trade.  
Contractors to H.M. Government, and the Imperial Railways of Japan, and Foreign Railways, including the Imperial Railways of Japan.

**MANUFACTURERS OF THE BEST QUALITIES OF ASBESTOS and RUBBER GOODS for the Very Highest Pressures. Cheaper Qualities for Low Pressures.**  
The "VICTOR" METALLIC PACKING has been adopted by the Lords of the Admiralty for use throughout Her Majesty's Navy.  
The "VICTOR" METALLIC JOINTING MATERIALS for Steam and Hydraulic Joints, Manholes and Manhole Doors, are also used on every Battleship, Cruiser, Gunboat, Torpedo-boat, and Transport in H.M. Service.  
"SALAMANDER" Non-conducting Composition for Boilers, Hot-water Tanks, Pipes, &c.—IN TWO QUALITIES.  
SPECIAL QUOTATIONS FOR QUANTITIES.  
Superintendent,  
DODWELL, CARHILL & CO.,  
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**NEW YORK LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY**  
ESTABLISHED 1845.  
Resident Board for the Eastern Division of Asia Department—  
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WHO are empowered to grant Assurances, pay Claims, and allow Reinstatement of Lapsed Policies.  
DO NOT INSURE until you have seen the New York Life's Accumulation Policy, which, in addition to the entire absence of restrictions, offers the greatest number of Privileges, Guarantees, and Bonuses ever embodied in a single life contract.  
Full Particulars from  
RIRLEY, DALRYMPLE & CO., Agents.  
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Central Office, 3, Poling Road, Shanghai;  
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Resident Division Manager.

**P. D. C. RARE OLD SCOTCH WHISKY.**  
AN OLD HONGKONG FAVOURITE.  
Price \$12.00 per doz.  
SOLE AGENTS—  
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Wine and Spirit Merchants,  
No. 12, Queen's Road Central.

**CARMICHAEL & CO., LIMITED**  
"EMPEROR OF INDIA"  
CANADIAN CREAMERY BUTTER in 1 lb tins, price 60 cents per Tin.  
BEST BUTTER in Hongkong.  
MACLEOD'S IMPERIAL JAR CHEESE—Large Size \$2.75, Medium Size \$1.50 per jar.  
CARMICHAEL & CO., LIMITED, 18, PRINCE STREET.

**LADIES**  
YOUR ATTENTION PLEASE.  
Has your husband ordered that  
**RAINIER BEER**  
for you yet? If not, insist that he do so, and you will feel better than for many days past. It is a TONIC of MERIT and WORTH.  
SEATTLE BREWING and MALTING CO.,  
Hongkong Branch,  
100, HONG KONG LANE.  
F. BISHOP,  
Asst. Manager,  
Hongkong, 12th September, 1896. [2010]

## INTIMATIONS.

**BROMO SELTZER. BROMO SELTZER.**  
First introduced into Hongkong by FLETCHER & Co.

Have just opened a new Consignment of this famous Mocha Cure.  
Also an assortment of  
SPRAY PRODUCE, CIGARETTES, BAKERY SUPPLIES, CHOCOLATE CREAMS.  
Sole Agent for the popular TANSAN MINERAL WATER.  
FLETCHER & CO.,  
THE PHARMACY, 23, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL,  
and CARMICHAEL & CO., LD.

**"CONDOR" BRAND.**  
**SWISS CONDENSED MILK.**  
Which, through its RICHNESS in CREAM and UNIFORMITY of QUALITY, has obtained the Largest Sale in Great Britain. It is used for all purposes of FRESH MILK.  
\$2.50 per Dozen.  
WATKINS & CO.,  
63, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

**AQUARIUS**  
ESTD. 1864.  
Telephone No. 75.  
15, Queen's Road.  
HONGKONG, 7th September, 1896.

**SAUMUR.**  
"DEY ROYAL."  
A SPLENDID DRY SPARKLING WINE of Most Delicious Flavour.  
Per Case of 12 doz. quarts ..... \$20.00.  
Per Case of 2 doz. pints ..... \$22.00.

**"LONG JOHN" WHISKY.**  
From the Famous PORT WILHELM DISTILLERY "Dew of Bon Nevis."  
\$14.00 per doz.—FIVE YEARS IN WOOD.  
**NB WHISKY.**  
TEN YEARS OLD—A most delicious Blend, exceedingly Smooth and Mellow.  
\$12.00 per doz.

**LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.**  
HONGKONG, 1st September, 1896. [2145]

**NOT THE SHADOW OF A DOUBT**  
AS TO THE MERIT AND POPULARITY OF  
**SCHLITZ (MILWAUKEE) BEER**  
SOLE AGENTS—WATKINS & CO.—HONGKONG.

**CHAMBERTIN CH. MARGAUX.**  
**POMMARD CH. LEOVILLE.**  
**CHABLIS CH. LAROSE.**  
ALL OUR WINES ARE GUARANTEED PURE.  
PRICE LISTS on APPLICATION.

**L. MARTEL & CO.,**  
21, QUEEN'S ROAD.  
HONGKONG, 18th September, 1896. [2108]

**VICTORIA LODGE.**  
HONGKONG No. 104.  
A REGULAR MEETING of the above LODGE will be held at the FARMHOUSE HALL, 2nd Street, TO-MORROW, the 22nd inst., at 8.00 for 9.00 precisely. Visiting Brethren are cordially invited to attend.  
Hongkong, 18th September, 1896. [2138]

**INSURE.**  
EQUITABLE LIFE ASSURANCE SOCIETY OF U.S.A. gives the BEST SECURITY.  
Live there's a man with soul so dead,  
Who never to himself has said,  
"I must protect my loving wife,  
And so I must secure my life."  
I would not be a careless fool,  
Who dies and leaves his family poor  
I'll pay a premium every year,  
And then my loved one need not fear  
But what, when I am in my grave,  
They'll have far more than I can save.  
Or if when old I living be,  
The money will provide for me,  
And an old age, serene and bright  
And peaceful as a summer night  
Shall lead me to the grave.  
If you would be anything, such,  
And wish to find out just how much  
Premium cost to you will be,  
Write, please, or call on us or me.

**SHEWAN TOMES & CO.,**  
General Agents,  
J. T. HAMILTON,  
Manager for the East.  
Hongkong, 3rd July, 1896. [2030]

**PORTLAND CEMENT.**  
J. B. WHITE & BROS.  
SOLE AGENTS FOR CHINA,  
HOLLIDAY, WISE & CO.,  
Hongkong, 11th April, 1896. [2117]

**NEW VICTORIA HOTEL.**  
**ROTISSERIE.**  
MEALS A LA CARTE.  
CHOPS, STEAKS, etc., etc., at any time between 7.30 a.m. and 11.30 p.m.  
MONTHLY BOARDERS at MODERATE RATES.  
MADAM & FARMER, Proprietors.  
Hongkong, 4th September, 1896. [1935]

## SHIPPING.

**ARRIVALS.**  
Sept. 18, OMTA, British str., J. A. Davis, Singapore 13th September, General.  
Sept. 19, HONGKONG, British str., 394, C. B. D. Dold, Manila 14th Sept., and Amoy 17th General.—BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.  
Sept. 19, HONGKONG, British str., 1153, J. C. Deane, Fooksh 14th Sept., Amoy 17th, and Swatow 18th General.—DOUGLAS LAFRAIK & CO.

Sept. 19, HONGKONG, British str., 1536, J. Kynoch, Hainan 16th September, General.—JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.  
Sept. 19, CHINA, British str., 1158, F. Newcombe, Swatow 18th September, General.—BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.  
Sept. 19, FARMER, German ship, 1305, Schutte, New York 17th April, Oil.—MEYER & CO.

Sept. 19, KONGSANG, British str., 897, Sankar, Chubao 14th Sept., General.—JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.  
Sept. 19, MEEROC, Chinese str., 1399, Klopfer, Shanghai 14th Sept., General.—C. M. S. N. Co.  
Sept. 19, GEMANIA, German str., 1714, J. Bondeson, Swatow 18th Sept., General.—LAFRAIK & CO.

Sept. 20, ANCONA, British str., 1885, W. D. Mull, Yokohama 15th Sept., General.—P. & O. S. N. Co.  
Sept. 20, AUSTRALIAN, British str., 2338, P. Thomson Helms, Sydney 23rd Aug., and Port Darwin 11th Sept., General.—GINS, LAYTON & CO.  
Sept. 20, CHOYSAKA, British str., 1104, G. H. Bowler, Shanghai 16th Sept., and Swatow 19th General.—JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.

Sept. 20, CHINESE, Chinese str., 1212, C. E. Nall, Canton 20th Sept., General.—C. M. S. N. Co.  
Sept. 20, HONG LING, British str., 1171, A. Frapp, Singapore 18th Sept., General.—CHINESE.  
Sept. 20, NANKANG, German str., 983, Schulz, Canton 20th Sept., General.—SCHULZ & CO.

Sept. 20, OHL, Norwegian str., 777, Chr. Pedersen, Bangkok 13th Sept., Rice.—CHINESE.  
Sept. 20, TAILER, German str., 823, Calender, Hilo 16th Sept., Sugar and General.—MEYER & CO.  
Sept. 20, WHITE, British str., 1350, J. Vaughan, Java 9th Sept., Sugar.—BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.

**DEPARTURES.**  
Sept. 19, PEKIN, British str., for Shanghai.  
Sept. 19, CANTON, British str., for Shanghai.  
Sept. 19, HONGKONG, British str., for Swatow.  
Sept. 19, ARTHUR HILL, British steamer, for Shanghai.

Sept. 19, PEKING, Chinese str., for Tientsin.  
Sept. 19, MALACCA, British str., for Shanghai.  
Sept. 19, FARMER, German str., for Swatow.  
Sept. 19, SHANGHAI, British str., for London.  
Sept. 20, APEKAD, German str., for Bangkok.

Sept. 20, ASE, Danish str., for Fukuoka.  
Sept. 20, ASHOKA, British str., for Swatow.  
Sept. 20, BANYEN, British str., for N. York.  
Sept. 20, CHINA, British str., for Shanghai.  
Sept. 20, COSMOPOLITAN, German str., for Amoy.

Sept. 20, DEUTSCH, German str., for Yokohama.  
Sept. 20, HAINAN, British str., for Swatow.  
Sept. 20, HINDS, British str., for Fooksh.  
Sept. 20, KWONGKANG, British str., for Canton.  
Sept. 20, NANTO MARU, Jap. str., for Moji.

Sept. 20, TAIPEI, Chinese str., for Swatow.  
Sept. 20, SINGAPORE, German str., for Saigon.  
(For Passengers Arrived see 3rd page.)

**VISITORS AT HOTELS.**  
HONGKONG HOTEL.  
Mr. M. Amberg, Mr. R. Mohly.  
Mr. L. Barmann, Mr. R. Nalek.  
Mr. B. J. Barlow, Mr. A. W. Neufeld.  
Mr. and Mrs. A. H. C. Fisher, Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Pennington.  
Mr. W. J. Carter, Mr. C. Frazier.  
Mr. C. O'Connell, Mr. L. R. R. R.

**MOUNT AUSTIN HOTEL.**  
On SATURDAY next, the 26th SEPTEMBER, By kind permission of Major RETALLICE and OFFICERS,  
THE BAND OF THE HONGKONG REGIMENT  
Will play during Dinner and afterwards in the Hotel Grounds.  
THE TABLE D'HOTE DINNER  
Is served in the GRAND DINING ROOM.  
At 8.00 P.M.  
Arrangements can be made for Dinner Parties in Private Rooms, Tables or Seats can be reserved for the Table d'Hote and Wines used to order.

**MOUNT AUSTIN HOTEL.**  
Hongkong, 21st September, 1896. [2013]

**HONGKONG HIGH-LEVEL TEAM HAYES COMPANY, LIMITED.**  
TIME TABLE.  
WEEKLY.  
7.30 a.m. to 10.20 a.m.—Every quarter of an hour.  
11.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.—Every half hour.  
12.30 p.m. to 2.30 p.m.—Every quarter of an hour.  
2.30 p.m. to 4.30 p.m.—Every quarter of an hour.  
Night service: 8.45 p.m. and 11.15 p.m. every half hour.  
SATURDAY.  
Extra Night car at 11.30 and 11.45 p.m.  
EVENING.  
8.45 a.m. to 10.15 a.m.—Every half hour.  
10.30 a.m. and 10.40 a.m.  
11.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.—Every quarter of an hour.  
12.30 p.m. to 2.30 p.m.—Every quarter of an hour.  
Night cars at 8.45 p.m. and 11.15 p.m. every half hour.  
SPECIAL CARS by arrangement at the Company's Office, 39 & 40, Queen's Road Central.  
JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON, General Managers.  
Hongkong, 14th April, 1896. [555]



"Your Petitioners most humbly thank your

"Your Petitioners desire to state, that your Majesty's Ministers have refused consent to the Convention, and to any modification of it, and for Your Majesty's most gracious assurance, through your Ministers in the Commons House of Parliament, that no consent will be given to the Convention without full consideration of all the interests involved and without consultation with the representatives of British commerce;"

(c) Clause 16 reads—

"That your Majesty's Ministers may respectfully represent that the continued existence of the Convention, the subject of this Petition, and of the negotiations for its approval or modification, is an impediment to all improvement in telegraphic communication between the East and Europe, and in particular prevents

the Chinese Government from completing its telegraphic system and connecting it with the general network of telegraphic communication throughout the world via Shinkai." That the British Government under the circumstances should have ratified in July this year, without consulting those whose inter-

ists are keenly and vitally affected thereby; a Convention between the Telegraph Companies and the Chinese Telegraph Administration, which gives the Companies an absolute monopoly, is incomprehensible, and it is impossible to conceive of the existence of any sufficient reason for such action. In common fairness to those who have to pay for telegrams, and to whom the Companies are very largely indebted for their financial success hitherto, they were entitled to be heard before any monopoly was conceded, but, doubtless, forgoing the consequences which might arise from our being heard, Lord Salisbury's action

would appear to have been previously and stealthily obtained. Positively no political purpose whatever would appear to have been in view. The Government has received no *quid pro quo* so far as can be ascertained; while there is reason to believe that other Governments receive privileges from the Companies. Our interests have been sacrificed for the benefit of the shareholders in the two Telegraph Companies—one a Danish Company, in which the Danish Government has a large share, and the other an English Company. If the Telegraph Companies in later years had been unable to earn reasonable interest on the capital employed, their seeking to increase the tariff would have been intelligible.

1884, and it carried forward at 31st December 1883  
 Ltd 2128,329, thus increasing its reserve and bal-  
 once after last dividend, and including insurance  
 funds to £721,531. The Danish Company  
 paid 8-3-5th per cent. per annum for 1892-  
 1893, and 1894, and 10 per cent. per annum for  
 1895—the gross receipts in 1895 were 255,393  
 more than in 1894—and it carried forward at  
 31st December last £58,056, thus increasing its  
 reserve and balance, after last dividend, to  
 2998,006. These are immense profits, and they

were earned out or produced, and the tariff was being enforced conclusively that the tariff levied up to 31st July this year was unnecessarily high, and could have been modified, which would not doubt have been followed by a greatly increased traffic, high rates necessarily restricting telegraphic communication. The competition of the Chinese Telegraph Administration up to the 1st of last month had kept the rate to Europe at 82 per cent, but the Chinese Government having been forced into the new Agreement by the European Powers, the Telegraph Companies—England having ratified the Convention which gives them

an absolute monopoly—are how thereby enabled, at one day's notice, to raise the rates from the Far East to Europe 87½ per cent., to America 42.26 per cent., and for local telegrams 100 per cent. As the Editor of the *North China Herald* in his issue of the 21st ult. very pertinently remarks:—

"The influence which the Cable Companies can bring to bear has been too much for our Home Government, and they have approved the new Convention. It is a disgrace to foreigners that they should have coerced the Chinese

into this retrograde step. In China, monopolies are provided against the treaties made with the Foreign Powers; and here we have two of the same Powers, Great Britain and Russia, forcing a monopoly on China, to the disadvantage of the mercantile community. Our hope lies in a Pacific cable. That one will be laid before long is certain, and the desire of the existing Cable Companies to raise the rates has been stimulated by the wish to collect large reserve funds to help them in fighting this future

competitor. In fact, the merchants in China are being squeezed now to enable them to telegraphic matters to fight the Company which promises to liberate trade from its new fetters. If the shareholders in the Cable Companies had been carrying on business for years at a loss, we might sympathize with them; but they have made, as we shrewdly recently, very handsome profits. Mr. Alfred Chairman of the Shanghai Chamber of Commerce, wrote to the Cable Companies on the 11th:—Your directors are apparently ignorant

or have ignored the fact that though the volume of trade may be increasing the margins of profit have narrowed to an extent which often cancels telegraphic expenses to check business, and your action therefore means that messages will be restricted in every possible manner both in number and in length. Thus, whilst your revenue will probably derive little or no advantage, you will have turried satisfaction into dissatisfaction among those to whom you are almost entirely indebted for your success in the market.

The Telegraph Companies have been managed with consummate ability, and their negotiations with the British Government have been conducted with great diplomatic skill. In a communicated article in the *North China Herald* of 25th August, 1892, the following appeared—

"It was the Foreign Ministers at Peking, the countries to which the Great Northern Telegraph Company and the Eastern Extension Telegraph Company belong, who in 1883 moved

the Tandung Yamen to sanction a working agreement with the English and Danish Cable Companies, to last for twenty years, without imposing on the Companies any restrictions whatever as regards their tariffs.

While appreciating the importance of the Company's telegraphic system, and recognising its claim to favourable consideration, the Government should have stopped short at rectifying any convention which would create anything in the shape of a monopoly, or which

would prevent the establishment of additional lines or other improvement in the service hereafter deemed necessary. What has been done is a retrograde step of immense magnitude, and must be attended with the most injurious results, for many years to come, not only to the Chinese Government, but to the enormous trade carried between the Eastern and Western hemispheres. No one can begin to urge that the Telegraphic Companies were rendering a great public service, for which they were amply and sufficiently remunerated. Let me again repeat

that by ratifying the Convention the British Government has not in any way subverted any political purpose. The only persons who will derive benefit therefrom are the shareholders in the two Telegraph Companies, one Danish and the other English, and both purely private institutions. The ratification of the Convention has enabled the Companies at one day's notice to raise rates and grant rates which cannot but be regarded as excessive and injurious to the best interests of foreign trade and commerce. This Chamber

therefore feels fully justified in placing on record its earnest and emphatic protest against Her Majesty's Government having assented to the recent Convention between the Eastern Extension and Great Northern Telegraph Companies and the Chinese Telegraph Administration, inasmuch as the said Convention gives the Telegraph Companies an absolute monopoly which was immediately utilized by the Companies to the extent of 75 per cent. in Europe, 92½ per cent. in America, and 100 per cent. in local measures. (Applause.)

Mr. D. H. SASSON—I have much pleasure in seconding the motion. Mr. Whitehead has put it so clearly before us that I do not think I can say anything to make matters clearer. I think we are all fully persuaded that the action is not at all right and that they have placed restrictions where restrictions ought to have been taken off. I have much pleasure in seconding. (Applause)

Carried unanimously

The CHAIRMAN—Gentlemen, I have been asked to move the third resolution, and do so

with pleasure, believing that, in order to render our protest effective, we must make the Telegraph Companies understand that we are in earnest. This is not a mere formal protest, and we do not intend, if we can help it, to let the matter rest here, with a mere expression of indignation. The resolution I have to propose pledges the members of this Chapter to assist







## NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

NORTHERN PACIFIC STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

STEAMSHIP "VICTORIA".

FROM TACOMA, VICTORIA, YOKOHAMA, KOBE, AND SHANGHAI.

The above Steamer having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for the cargo, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

DODWELL, CARROLL &amp; CO.,

Agents.

FROM HAMBURG, PENANG, AND SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship

"ERATO".

Captain Otagawa, having arrived from the above ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for the cargo, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before 3 p.m. today.

Any Cargo impeding the discharge will be landed into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undischarged after the 24th inst. will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 24th inst. at 10 a.m.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

SIEMSEN &amp; CO.,

Agents.

Hongkong, 16th September, 1896.

TO CONSIGNEES OF OPTIONAL CARGO, EX O. S. N. CO'S S.S.

FROM LIVERPOOL, AND

FROM MANCHESTER AND

LIVERPOOL.

SHIPPING ORDERS must be obtained from the

Underwriter not later than the 21st inst. for

shipment per steamer "SARFEDON".

BUTTERFIELD &amp; SWIRE,

Agents.

Hongkong, 17th September, 1896.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE P. &amp; O. S. N. CO'S Steamship

"MALACCA".

FROM LONDON, BOMBAY, AND

STRAITS.

Consignees of Cargo by the above-named

steamer are hereby informed that their Goods

are being landed and placed at their risk in

the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown

Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each

consignment will be sorted and marked by

unmarked deliveries can be obtained as soon as

the goods are landed.

This vessel brings on Cargo—

From London, &c., as per *Permit*.From Penang, &c., as per *Permit*.From Bombay, &c., as per *Permit*.

Optional goods will be landed here unless

instructions are given to the contrary before

10 a.m. on 18th inst.

Goods not cleared by the 24th inst., at

4 p.m., will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by me

in any case whatever.

All damaged packages must be left in the

Godowns, and a certificate of the damage

obtained from the Godown Company within

ten days after the vessel's arrival here, after

which no claims will be recognized.

H. A. RITCHIE,

Superintendent.

Hongkong, 17th September, 1896.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE P. &amp; O. S. N. CO'S Steamship

"PEKIN".

FROM BOMBAY, COLOMBO, AND

STRAITS.

Consignees of Cargo by the above-named

steamer are hereby informed that their Goods

are being landed and placed at their risk in

the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown

Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each

consignment will be sorted and marked by

unmarked deliveries can be obtained as soon as

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H. A. RITCHIE,

Superintendent.

Hongkong, 18th September, 1896.

VESSELS ON THE BERTH

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY,

LIMITED.

FOR MANILA (DIRECT)

THE Steamship

"SUNGKANG".

Captain C. H. Dool, will be despatched as

above TO-DAY, the 24th inst., at 4 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD &amp; SWIRE,

Agents.

Hongkong, 15th September, 1896.

ROYAL PACKET NAVIGATION COM-

PANY OF NETHERLANDS INDIA

JAYA-CHINA JAPAN LINE

OF STEAMERS.

FOR SINGAPORE, BATAVIA, SAM-

RANG, AND SOERABAYA.

THE Steamship

"GERMANIA".

Captain Buidzina, will be despatched for the

above ports on the 21st inst., at 5 p.m.

Through Bills of Lading issued for all ports

in the East Indian Archipelago, AMSTER-

DAM, BATAVIA, GEDERA, MARSHALLS,

ANTWERP, LONDON, NARVES, LEBERON, and

TARBE.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

LAUTS, WEGENER &amp; CO.,

General Agents.

Hongkong, 18th September, 1896.

JAYA-CHINA JAPAN LINE OF

STEAMERS.

Under Management of the

ROYAL PACKET NAVIGATION COMPANY OF

NETHERLANDS INDIA.

PROPOSED SAILINGS

(Subject to Alteration)

JAYA HONGKONG, YOKOHAMA,

KOBÉ, AMOI, HONGKONG,

SINGAPORE, JAVIA.

From Hongkong.

S.S. GERMANIA. To JAVIA. Sept.

S.S. CASSIUS. To JAVIA. Oct.

S.S. FEDERATION. To JAVIA. Nov.

S.S. FEDERATION. To JAPAN. Oct.

S.S. GERMANIA. To JAPAN. Nov.

General Agents for China and Japan.

LAUTS, WEGENER &amp; CO.,

Hongkong, 17th September, 1896.

FOR NEW YORK

THE S.S. L.I. American Ship

"JOSEPHUS".

Captain P. H. Gilroy, will leave here for the

above port and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to

BUTTERFIELD &amp; SWIRE,

Agents.

Hongkong, 17th August, 1896.

## VESSELS ON THE BERTH

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION

COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG, AND

GALCUTTA.

THE Company's Steamship

"CHELYDRA".

Captain R. Cress, will be despatched as above

TO-MORROW, the 24th inst., at 3 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

JARDINE, MATHESON &amp; CO.,

General Managers.

Hongkong, 17th September, 1896.

THE CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVI-

GATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR LONDON,

VIA STRAITS AND USUAL PORTS

OF CALL.

(Taking Cargo at through rates for Glasgow,

LIVERPOOL, CONTINENTAL PORTS,

RIVER PLATE, &amp;c.)

THE Company's Steamship

"OOPACK".

Captain H. Sommer, will be despatched as above

on or about the 22nd inst.

THE Company's Steamship

"PINGSURY".

Captain D. Dool, will follow the "OOPACK"

on or about the 6th October.

THE Company's Steamship

"NINGHOW".

Captain E. Waller, will follow the "PINGSURY"

on or about the 10th October.

For Freight, etc., apply to

HOLLIDAY, WISE &amp; CO.,

Agents.

Hongkong, 18th September, 1896.

"SHIDE" LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR BRISBANE, SYDNEY, AND

MELBOURNE.

(Taking Through Cargo to QUEENSLAND PORTS,

ADELAIDE, AND NEW ZEALAND.)

THE Steamship

"MERIONETHSHIRE".

Captain Davies, will be despatched for the above

ports on WEDNESDAY, the 23rd inst., at

Noon, instead of as previously advertised.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

DODWELL, CARROLL &amp; CO.,

Agents.

Hongkong, 14th September, 1896.

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY,

LIMITED.

FOR TIENTSIN.

THE Steamship

"KWEIYANG".

Captain Osterberg, will be despatched as

above on THURSDAY, the 24th inst.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD &amp; SWIRE,

Agents.

Hongkong, 21st September, 1896.

NORDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

NOTICE

STREAM TO SHANGHAI.

THE Company's Steamship

"PRINZ HEINRICH".

Captain Gippers, due here with the outward

German Mail about the 22nd inst., will leave

for the above place about THURSDAY, the

24th inst.

For further Particulars, apply to

MELOCHES &amp; CO.,

Agents.

Hongkong, 19th September, 1896.

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR NEW YORK VIA SUEZ CANAL.

THE Company's Steamship

"IXION".

Captain Nish, will be despatched as above

on FRIDAY, the 24th inst., at 4 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD &amp; SWIRE,

Agents.

Hongkong, 15th September, 1896.

OCCIDENTAL AND ORIENTAL

STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

TAKING CARGO AND PASSENGERS

TO JAPAN, THE UNITED

STATES,

MEXICO, CENTRAL AND SOUTH

AMERICA, AND EUROPE, VIA THE

OVERLAND RAILWAYS AND

ATLANTIC AND OTHER CONNECTING

STEAMERS.

VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND

HONOLULU.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

COPTIC (via Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yoko-

hama, and Honolulu) WEDNESDAY, Sept.

30, 1896, at Noon.

GALIC (via Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yoko-

hama, and Honolulu) SATURDAY, Oct.

27, 1896, at Noon.

DOLIC (via Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, and

Yokohama) WEDNESDAY, Nov.

4, 1896, at Noon.

THE Company's Steamship "COPTIC"

will be despatched for SAN FRAN-

CISCO, via NAGASAKI, KOBÉ, INLAND

SEA, YOKOHAMA, AND HONOLULU, on

WEDNESDAY, the 30th September, 1896,

at Noon, connection being made at Yokohama

with Steamers from Shanghai.

Steamers of this line pass through the IN-

LAND SEA OF JAPAN and call at HONO-

LULU and passengers are allowed to treat

their journey at any point en route.

Through Passenger Tickets granted to Eng-

land, France, and Germany by all trans-Atlantic

lines of Steamers, and to the principal cities of

the United States or Canada. Rates and partic-

ulars of the various Routes may be obtained

upon application.

Special rates (first class only) are granted to

Missionaries, members of the Naval, Military,

Diplomatic, and Civil Services, to European

officials in service of China and Japan, and to

Government officials and their families.

Passengers who have paid full fare, re-embark-

ing at San Francisco for China or Japan (or

vice versa) within one year will be allowed dis-

count of 10 per cent. This allowance does not

apply to through fares from China and Japan to

Europe.

All PARCEL PACKAGES should be marked to

address in full, and same will be received at the

Company's Office until FIVE P.M. the day pre-

vious to sailing.

Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo des-

tined to points beyond San Francisco in the

United States should be sent to the Company's

Office, addressed to the Collector of Customs, San

Francisco.

For further information as to Freight or

Passage apply to the Agency of the Company,

No. 7, Praya Central.

J. S. VAN BUREN, Agent.

Hongkong, 18th September, 1896.

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR LONDON VIA SUEZ CANAL.

THE Company's Steamship

"NESTOR".

Captain Aquila, will be despatched as above

on SATURDAY, the 3rd October.

For Freight, apply to

BUTTERFIELD &amp; SWIRE,

Agents.

Hongkong, 19th September, 1896.

## VESSELS ADVERTISED AS LOADING.

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